

## EXTENDED LIVING SUPPORTS (ELS)

### General Description:

Extended Living Supports (ELS) provide hourly one-on-one or group supervision, socialization, personal care and supports for persons who reside in a community living setting who do not normally attend an employment, day or school program. Usually, this service is provided for short periods of time, such as during times of illness, recovery from surgery, breaks from school and/or transition between service providers. ELS may also be used on a flexible basis to accommodate the person's needs, such as time between the school day and when residential services begin if time between school and home fluctuates regularly. The focus of this support is an extension of the objectives/goals found in the individual's support plan. When the individual shares staff with another consumer, the total number of hours billed for each individual will be reduced proportionately. The following services are included as part of the ELS code and will not be reimbursed separately:

Chore Services (**CH1, CHA**)  
Companion Services (**COM, CO1**)  
Homemaker Services (**HS1, HSQ**)  
Personal Assistance (**PA1, PAC**)  
Routine, Non-medical Transportation (**DTP**)

ELS is available through Provider-based services only.

### Limitations:

ELS services are for extra residential coverage only, and supplements RHI (previously CLI), RHS (previously CLS), HHS, and PPS services only. For persons who may need long term extended supports, the RHS, RHI, HHS, or PPS worksheet shall be modified to reflect the change in level of support to a 24 hour, 7 day per week reimbursement. ELS is not available to children living in their parent's or legal guardian's home. Persons receiving services billed under the ELS service code may not simultaneously receive services billed under the CH1, CHA, COM, CO1, HS1, HSQ, PAC, PA1 or DTP service codes. All of the requirements listed in the qualifying residential code shall apply to ELS. Contractor shall review the residential code partnered with ELS for additional ELS requirements.

### Population Served:

The Contractor will serve persons with mental retardation and related conditions (MR.RC), and adults aged 18 and over who have an acquired brain injury (ABI), as defined in Utah Administrative Code R539-1. <http://rules.utah.gov/publicat/code/r539/r539.htm> Persons must be current recipients of RHS or RHI, HHS, or PPS services.

### Contractor's Qualifications:

Contractor must have all applicable licenses as prescribed in Utah Administrative Code R501 (<http://rules.utah.gov/publicat/code/r501/r501.htm>) to operate and provide the particular type of services being offered and comply with insurance requirements and any local ordinances or permits.

Contractor must be enrolled as an approved Medicaid Provider with the Department of Health and agree to allow DHS/DSPD to bill Medicaid on its behalf for covered Medicaid services included in the rate paid by DHS/DSPD to the Contractor. Contractor must also agree to participate in any DHS/DSPD provided Medicaid training.

Contractor shall be under DHS, DPSD contract to provide ELS and certified by DHS/DSPD.

### Staff Qualifications:

ELS staff must demonstrate competency (in the services covered by the contract), as determined by the Contractor. In addition, all applicable education, and training must be completed before the delivery of any supports to persons and performing any work for persons without supervision.

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The Contractor must ensure that ELS staff are trained in the Staff Training Requirements as outlined in applicable General Requirements, Home and Community Based Waiver, rule, statute, and contract.

ELS staff must pass a Bureau of Criminal Identification (BCI) background check through the DHS, Office of Licensing and have a record of the BCI results in the staff record.

<http://rules.utah.gov/publicat/code/r501/r501-14.htm>

ELS staff must be at least 18 years old

**All requirements listed in the applicable Residential Service Descriptions for the person (RHI, RHS, HHS or PPS apply to ELS).**

### **Staff Support:**

ELS may include 6 hour one-on-one or group direct care staff support. Actual type, frequency and duration of direct care staff support will be defined in the person's Individual Support Plan's Action Plan (ISP/AP) based on the person's selected housing arrangement and assessed needs.

### **Rate:**

ELS may include 6 hour one-on-one or group direct care staff support. Payments for residential services are not made for room and board, the cost of facility maintenance, routine upkeep or improvement. Personal needs costs are covered through personal income such as Social Security and other income (SSA, SSI, employment).

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